MINIRIBOZYMES ACTIVE AT LOW MAGNESIUM ION CONCENTRATIONS

Abstract of the Disclosure

This invention is directed to a class of miniribozymes, capable of hybridizing with a target RNA to be cleaved and exhibiting very high cleavage rates at low Mg^{2+} concentration. The miniribozymes may be used *in vitro* or *in vivo*. They may be used as diagnostic or therapeutic agents.